

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1244 - SB 1376

February 27, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new Class A misdemeanor for distributing with the intent to cause emotional distress a photograph or some other record of an intimate part of someone, whether exposed or visible through clothing, under circumstances where the parties understood or agreed that the image would remain private, and the victim suffers emotional distress.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Title 39, chapter 17, part 3 defines “emotional distress” as significant mental suffering or distress that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.
- It is assumed that most disclosures will not meet the definition of emotional distress.
- The bill will not generate a significant number of convictions or incarceration time in local jails.
- The courts, district attorneys, and public defenders can handle any cases resulting from the proposed legislation within their existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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